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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON CHILE

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1. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE REPORTED REFTEL B IS STRIDENT IN TONE AND DOES NOT CONTAIN POSITIVE ELEMENTS TO INCREASE PROSPECTS OF CHILEAN COOPERATION WITH WORK OF UNHRC OR AD HOC WORKING GROUP. IN ITS PRESENT FORM THE DRAFT IS LIKELY TO PROVOKE EXTREMELY NEGATIVE REACTION ON PART OF GOC, THUS ELIMINATING PROSPECTS FOR UNHRC FAVORABLY AFFECTING CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDITIONS IN THAT COUNTRY.

2. USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO MODIFY DRAFT TO REFLECT ELEMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL A. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN 1) PROVIDING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILE TO PRESENT ITS CASE TO THE WORKING GROUP;
2) ESTABLISHING A MORE PRECISE MANDATE FOR THE WORKING

GROUP, AND; 3) AUTHORIZING THE WORKING GROUP TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION FOR A VISIT TO CHILE BY THE GROUP AS A

WHOLE OR BY SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE GROUP. DELEGATION MAY USE ITS DISCRETION IN PROPOSING LANGUAGE COVERING THESE POINTS; OUR AIM IS TO GET OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH(S) COVERING THESE POINTS WHICH WE CAN USE IN OUR EFFORTS TO GET GOC AGREEMENT TO A VISIT BY WORKING GROUP MEMBERS.

- 3. IN ITS PRESENT FORM THE DRAFT MARGINALLY RECOGNIZES IMPROVED SITUATION IN CHILE, BUT USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN THIS ASPECT. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY DELETING FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: "CONSTANT AND FLAGRANT", WHICH APPEARS IN REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS; "MAINLY DUE TO THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY" FROM THE SEVENTH PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH, AND; "SYSTEMATIC" IN THE PHRASE "SYSTEMATIC INTIMIDATION..." CONTAINED OPERATIVE PARA 1.
- 4. USDEL SHOULD INSIST ON INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE NOTING REPORT OF IAHRC ON CHILE.
- 5. FYI: USDEL SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN AS TO WHETHER US CAN COSPONSOR WHATEVER RESOLUTION EMERGES. AMONG ELEMENTS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CONSIDERED IN TAKING THIS DECISION WILL BE OUR DESIRE NOT TO CLOSE DOOR TO CHILEAN COOPERATION WITH UNHRC OR WORKING GROUP, AND SUBSTANTIVE ACCEPTABILITY OF RESOLUTION TO USG.

- 6. WE WILL APPRECIATE REPORTS ON DEVELOPING SITUATION AND SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FOR RESOLUTION AS IT EVOLVES.
- 7. REGARDING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING VOLUNTARY FUND, USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DEFER ITS CONSIDERATION UNTIL AFTER ACTION IS COMPLETED ON RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE.

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